Foutrh Grade Literacy Expectations – First Quarter

**Dear Parents,**

Your child is beginning an exciting year in literacy. For the next several weeks, your child will be answering the question: How do stories reveal what we have in common?

Your child will learn the following:

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| **Reading- Foundational Skills** |
| Students will apply phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.  Students will read with accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. |
| **Reading - Literature** |
| Students will refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.  Students will describe in depth a character in story, drawing on specific details in the text.  Students will determine the meaning of words as they are used in a text.  Students will compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated.  Students will read and comprehend grade-level text. |
| **Reading - Informational** |
| Students will determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text .  Students will compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic. |
| **Writing** |
| Students will write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events.  Students will produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.  With guidance and support from peers and adults, students will develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. |
| **Language** |
| Students will form and use prepositional phrases.  Students will produce complete sentences.  Students will correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., to, too, two; there, their).  Students will use correct capitalization.  Students will use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech from a text.  Students will spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.  Students will use context as a clue to determine the meaning of words and phrase |
| **Speaking and Listening** |
| Students will engage in collaborative discussions.  Students will report on a topic, or text, tell a story or recount an experience in an organized manner. |
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